



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3299-99

11 May 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 9 May 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 16 March 1998 at age 19. On 13 August 1998 you were diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder. The psychiatrist recommended your separation because he believed that you were at risk to harm yourself or others if retained in the Marine Corps.

Based on the foregoing recommendation you were processed for an administrative separation. On 24 September 1998 the discharge authority directed an entry level separation. You were so separated on 7 October 1998. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

On 7 October 1989, Headquarters Marine Corps issued an honorable discharge in place of the entry level separation, but denied your request for a change in the reenlistment code.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is discharged due to a diagnosed personality disorder. Such a code is normally assigned when an individual is considered to be at risk to harm himself or others. Since you

have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director